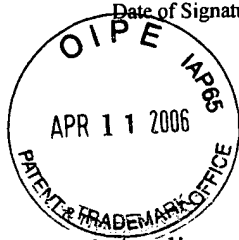


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Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action mailed January 6, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims and begin on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper.

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